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EXDIS FOR TAUBENBLATT

FOL RPT AMMAN 6238 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO JERUSALEM
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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 06238

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: JBOR, EAID, JO, US, IS

SUBJECT: MAQARIN DAM - NEXT STEPS

REF: STATE 191885

1. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION OF TAUBENBLATT DISCUSSING WEST BANK STUDY WITH GOJ OFFICIALS ODEH AND ABDULLAH (ALTHOUGH ODEH MAY BE OUT OF COUNTRY DURING TAUBENBLATT'S VISIT), BUT WE SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT GOJ WILL BE IN ANY POSITION TO COME TO A DECISION REGARDING WEST BANK STUDY. NOR DO WE BELIEVE GOJ IS IN ANY POSITION TO AUTHORIZE U. S. GOOD OFFICES WITH RESPECT TO WEST BANK STUDY AT THIS POINT.

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2. WHILE WE THEREFORE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ RPT GOJ ON WEST BANK STUDY, WE ASSUME THIS SUBJECT WOULD NOT BE BROUGHT UP WITH GOI OFFICIALS.

3. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO FORCE PREMATURE GOI CONSIDERATION OF WEST BANK STUDY BEFORE WE HAVE A FORMAL

JORDANIAN POSITION. WE THEREFORE SEE TAUBENBLATT VISIT AS
USEFUL STEPPING-STONE IN OUR OWN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ BUT
BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ILL-ADVISED TO RAISE SUBJECT WITH GOI
AT THIS POINT.

4. FINALLY, WE WOULD NOT WISH TO HAVE MAQARIN WEST BANK
STUDY ISSUE EMERGE AND POSSIBLY COMPLICATE THE ANTICIPATED
VISIT OF SECRETARY VANCE DURING WHAT MAY BE INTENSE
ISRAELI/EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH WOULD OCCUR DURING
PRECISE TIMEFRAME OF TAUBENBLATT'S VISIT. SUDDARTH
UNQUOTE VANCE

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